



ECHOES

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PICNIC 1999: The seventh annual picnic on **June 5, 1999** at Lake Williams on Buckley ANG Base was well attended. There were 47 adults and 8-children in attendance. And again, we all extend our thanks to Bryce and Rick for the excellent food. Dick Platt donated what has become a traditional mystery door prize. Always well received. Many people contributed again to preparations, set-up and clean-up. They definitely have our thanks. Next year we need to get serious about horseshoes and initiate a tournament. Seems to be gaining popularity. It was a good time with many favorable comments. Looking forward to next year.

EVENING FUNCTION : The second annual evening function is a go for **Saturday, November 20, 1999**. Reservations have been confirmed and the club is ready for us again. A flyer is included with this newsletter. Please review the application now and mail it before the deadline. The menu is similar to last year with steak and chicken. Wine will be provided at the table with dinner.

MAIL CALL

Eugene Killey advises that he has moved from Las Vegas to Minnetonka, MN, effective May 1999.

Dick and Dee Brence, Westminster, CO, are new members of the Colorado Chapter. Welcome!

Jurell and Helga Moxley, Littleton, CO, included e-mail addresses with their dues submission. The edresses are "jerry@creico.com" and "moxnix@dimensional.com".

Bill - Late as ever but then better late than never. Thanks for continuing the "Echoes" past my expiration date. Take care, Bill Ellingrud, Gretna, Ne.

Bill -

Am I optimistic or what? Renewing for five years at age 80? Can't make the West Coast reunion as we will be on a paddlewheel boat on the Columbia River in Oregon on April 8th celebrating my 80th. Had these plans long before TOD come out with their schedule.

Hello to Bill B. Have fond memories of his Turkish days.

Thanks for all you guys do to keep things going in your area. Perhaps Minnie Mae and I will get to attend one of your functions one of these days. Jim Hall, Ft Worth, TX. (Ed Note: Happy 80th Birthday Jim. Sorry this is so late in print).

Bill,

My dues just ran out last month. Here's my check for \$20 to cover the next four years. Sure wish I could get over to one of the Colorado meetings, but it appears I'm always on travel for NREL when you have the meetings. (Not retired yet.)

Wonder if anyone has ever heard from Sgt Ken Walton (Det 204). His last Det 204 project was in the summer of 1994.

I'm still working at NREL in the Wind Energy Program, as a project engineer for military and research projects. If anyone is interested in what wind turbine projects look like they can view some photographs on this NREL GOV internet address: "<http://www.nrel.gov/data/pix/searchpix.cgi>" then press the San Clemente Island folder. I'm the center person in shot 06106 and in 06063. Or pick any of the ~ 6000 other photographs from other California locations.

The first two 225KW wind turbines I installed on the Navy's San Clemente Island facility have just completed the first full year of operation @100% production capability - no problems interfacing with the diesel electrical grid. Presently working on the installation of the third wind turbine - scheduled for June. Once the Navy found out they could save diesel fuel - wind power generation has caught on. Having a kickoff meeting for a San Nicolas Island wind project this coming week at the Navy Point Nugu Weapons Center. Ed McKenna, Lakewood, CO.

Dear Mr. Schmied: I wrote to you a couple of weeks ago over the Internet and asked if I could please sign my father up for your newsletter and to put him on the alumni list. Please find enclosed a check from me for \$5.00 as requested. (Follows) is information on my father. Years in service: 1956 - 1960; training at Lowry AFB, then off to Laramie & Pinedale, WY, bases. Sincerely, Cynthia L. Wisecup, daughter of Charles E. and Ann M. Walter, Lakewood, CO. [Ed Notes: (Charles is not on-line as yet. In the meantime, Cynthia can be reached at "wisecavi@clsp.uswest.net".) (Welcome aboard Charles and Ann. Looking forward to seeing you at one of our functions).]

Hello Ben - How are you, haven't talked with you in a while. I've been busy as usual taking care of radio stations, which takes up a fair amount of my time! I have some pictures from the picnic. Do you think FL and/or Web site might want them? Bill Harris, "bharris4@ix.netcom.com".

(Ed Note: Bill is working with Mike Black, CSI, to have the pictures added to AFTAC Web site).

On November 20, 1999, at 1800 Hours (6 PM), AFTAC Alumni and guests are invited to attend the second annual AAAC dinner and dance. The location is the Camana Club at Buckley ANG base. Music will be provided by "Tempo Techniques" featuring DJ Debbie Waddill. Cocktails will be served from a pay as you go bar between 1800 and 1900 hours (6 PM to 7 PM). Menu selection features two entrees: 8 oz. Sirloin Steak with baked potato or Roasted Chicken with rice pilaf. Each entree is \$15.00 which includes tip, dessert (dessert is usually apple crisp or tort) and wine by the carafe at the table. Dinner will commence at 1900 hours (7 PM). Dancing until ?? will follow dinner. Now is the time to make a reservation. Clip and complete the form below and mail with your check to Bill Schmied, 2078 Kenton St, Aurora, CO 80010-1310. Questions, call Ben Vlassick, (303) 690-1239. Bring a friend!

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NAME: Bill Harris SPOUSE NAME: Garneth Harris

GUESTS' NAME(S): DJ Debbie Waddill

Sirloin Steak, 8 oz, (all steaks will be cooked medium)....Total Nbr. 2³ @ \$15.00. = \$45.00.

Roasted Chicken (assorted cuts).....Total Nbr. _____ @ \$15.00= \$_____.

Total Cost (Number of people X \$15.00 each).....= \$45.00.

Mail your checks payable to Bill Schmied at 2078 Kenton St, Aurora, CO 80010-1310 to arrive
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 14, 1999.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A Core Member Meeting was convened October 02, 1999 at the Plainsman III Restaurant. The following items were decided after discussion:

DINNER/DANCE: It is necessary to increase the cost of dinner. The dinner price will increase from \$12.50 which included free drink to \$15.00. The \$15.00 will include the meal plus carafe wine at the table. Coffee, tea, and side vegetable will still be provided. Door prizes will still be provided.

MEMBERSHIP BREAKFASTS: Two General Membership Breakfasts will be attempted each year. However, facilities for large groups are dwindling. Coco's and Marie Calandar are no longer available. Costs at other locations are cost prohibitive. But, the Camana Club plans serving breakfast in the near future and the Plainsman III can accommodate large groups. So we plan to try those two next year.

PICNIC Y2K: Month of June 2000 has been selected for the next picnic. Lonnie Gibbons will do what is necessary to establish the first horseshoe tournament. A request was made that the horseshoe pits be improved to tournament standards. No problemo.

NEWSLETTER: Bryce Dunn has agreed to use his publisher skills in developing and creating future AAAC Newsletters. The present editor has limited publisher capabilities. Information will be provided in the next newsletter about address/address changes, etc. By the way, those cards and letters are one of the more interesting parts of the newsletters to members east, west and in-between.